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Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is a mixture of residential commercial development and amenities in a walkable neighborhood located within a half-mile of quality public transportation. Metro's vision for development goes farther, focusing on the creation of "transit oriented communities" (TOCs).

TOCs represent a more holistic approach to development focused on human-scale, walkable places developed as a community, rather than a single development parcel. Moving from TOD to TOC requires that Metro lead collaborations with a variety of stakeholders, including local government, private developers and community members, to ensure that individual transit-oriented developments and policies support a vibrant built environment for current and future LA County residents to live, work and play.

Toward this effort, Metro's Joint Development program is working closely with the Strategic Initiatives group to enhance the agency's cross-departmental work to create TOCs. This updated approach is showcased in the unit's new [Transit Oriented Communities webpage](#), which comprises Joint Development, TOD Planning Grant and TOD Toolkit programs.

The new webpage includes an updated Joint Development interactive map, with a current breakdown of projects completed, in construction, in negotiations and opportunity sites. The site also contains information on recent Metro Board initiatives to enhance Metro's commitment to affordable housing as well as geographically-based Joint Development project pages with updates on active projects and upcoming meetings. The new site also includes links to other resources and Metro policies supporting TOCs.

We invite you to explore the topic of [Transit Oriented Communities](#) and learn about Metro's efforts.

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